

# SENATE BILL No. 173

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-3-2-3.2.

**Synopsis:** Income taxation of motorsports racing. With respect to professional motorsports racing teams and members, requires, rather than permits, the department of state revenue to adopt rules, guidelines, or other instructions to establish alternative methods of simplifying return filing for race teams and race team members.

**Effective:** January 1, 2016 (retroactive).

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Tax & Fiscal Policy.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3-2-3.2, AS ADDED BY P.L.233-2013,  
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JANUARY 1, 2016 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 3.2. (a) The following  
4 definitions apply to this section:  
5 (1) "Bonus for services rendered as a race team member"  
6 includes:  
7 (A) a bonus earned as a result of participation in a racing  
8 event, such as a performance bonus or any other bonus; and  
9 (B) a bonus paid for signing a contract, unless all of the  
10 following conditions are met:  
11 (i) The payment of the signing bonus is not conditional upon  
12 the signee participating in a racing event for the team or  
13 performing any subsequent services for the team.  
14 (ii) The signing bonus is payable separately from the salary  
15 and any other compensation.  
16 (iii) The signing bonus is nonrefundable.  
17 (2) "Indiana duty days" means the number of total duty days spent



1 by a race team member within Indiana rendering a service for the  
2 race team in any manner during the taxable year, except travel  
3 days spent in Indiana that do not involve either a race, practice,  
4 qualification, training, testing, team meeting, promotional  
5 caravan, or other similar race team event.

6 (3) "Race team" includes a professional motorsports racing team  
7 that has services rendered by a race team member in Indiana or  
8 participated in a racing event at a qualified motorsports facility  
9 (as defined in IC 5-1-17.5-14).

10 (4) "Race team member" includes employees or independent  
11 contractors who render services on behalf of the race team. The  
12 term includes but is not limited to drivers, pit crew members,  
13 mechanics, technicians, spotters, and crew chiefs.

14 (5) "Total duty days" means all days during the taxable year that  
15 a race team member renders a service for the race team. The term  
16 includes:

17 (A) race days, practice days, qualification days, training days,  
18 testing days, days spent at team meetings, days spent with a  
19 promotional caravan, and days served with the team in which  
20 the team competes or is scheduled to compete;

21 (B) days spent conducting training and rehabilitation activities,  
22 but only if the service is conducted at the facilities of the race  
23 team; and

24 (C) travel days that do not involve either a race, practice,  
25 qualification, training, testing, team meeting, promotional  
26 caravan, or other similar team event.

27 Total duty days for an individual who joins a race team during the  
28 season begin on the day the individual joins the team, and, for an  
29 individual who leaves a team, end on the day the individual leaves  
30 the team. When an individual changes teams during a taxable  
31 year, a separate duty day calculation must be made for the period  
32 the individual was with each team. Total duty days do not include  
33 those days for which a team member is not compensated and is  
34 not rendering a service for the team in any manner, including days  
35 when the team member has been suspended without pay and  
36 prohibited from performing any services for the team.

37 (6) "Total income" means the total compensation received during  
38 the taxable year for services rendered. The term includes salaries,  
39 wages, bonuses, and any other type of compensation paid during  
40 the taxable year to a race team member for services rendered in  
41 that year. The term does not include strike benefits, severance  
42 pay, termination pay, contract or option year buy-out payments,



- 1 expansion or relocation payments, or any other payments not  
 2 related to services rendered to the race team.
- 3 (b) For purposes of IC 6-3, Indiana income is the individual's total  
 4 income during the taxable year multiplied by the following fraction:  
 5 (1) The numerator of the fraction is the individual's Indiana duty  
 6 days for the taxable year.  
 7 (2) The denominator of the fraction is the individual's total duty  
 8 days for the taxable year.
- 9 (c) It is presumed that this section results in a fair and equitable  
 10 apportionment of the race team member's compensation. However, if  
 11 the department demonstrates that the method provided under this  
 12 section does not fairly and equitably apportion a team member's  
 13 compensation, the department may require the team member to  
 14 apportion the team member's compensation under another method that  
 15 the department prescribes. The prescribed method must result in a fair  
 16 and equitable apportionment. A team member may submit a proposal  
 17 for an alternative method to apportion the team member's compensation  
 18 if the team member demonstrates that the method provided under this  
 19 section does not fairly and equitably apportion the team member's  
 20 compensation. If approved by the department, the proposed method  
 21 must be fully explained in the team member's nonresident personal  
 22 income tax return.
- 23 (d) The department ~~may~~ **shall** adopt rules, guidelines, or other  
 24 instructions to establish alternative methods:  
 25 **(1) of simplifying return filing for race team members, if the team**  
 26 **is not based in Indiana; and**  
 27 **(2) for a race team to file a combined return on behalf of and**  
 28 **covering more than one (1) race team member if the same**  
 29 **amount of tax is remitted as if individual filings had occurred.**  
 30 **Filing a combined return under this subdivision exempts:**  
 31 **(A) a race team member covered by the return from**  
 32 **having an individual income tax return filing requirement**  
 33 **with respect to the income reported on the combined**  
 34 **return; and**  
 35 **(B) a race team that is not based in Indiana from a filing**  
 36 **requirement only with respect to team members included**  
 37 **on the combined return.**
- 38 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision under IC 6-3-4, the  
 39 department may adopt rules, guidelines, or other instructions related to  
 40 withholding requirements under this chapter.
- 41 (f) This section, as enacted in 2013, is intended to be a clarification  
 42 of the law and not a substantive change in the law.



1           SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 (RETROACTIVE)]  
2           **(a) IC 6-3-2-3.2, as amended by this act, applies to taxable years**  
3           **beginning after December 31, 2015.**  
4           **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2019.**  
5           SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

